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DEATH'S HARVEST.

The Past Week One of Sadness to Many of Our Citizens.



FAIR and fragrant flowers, banked in lovely profusion and woven in beautiful wreaths by loving hands willing to do a last kindness for departed loved ones were to be seen in two of our principal churches the past few days, where faithful friends gathered to pay their last respects to a number of well known citizens. First Mrs. M. L. Crow was suddenly called to pass the dark waters into the unknown beyond, followed quickly by Freddie D. Miller, Mrs. Nick Cossman, and J. B. Wallace. Seldom has this vicinity had such a succession of visits from the dread messenger, and a universal feeling of gloom seems to pervade the atmosphere and hang like a mysterious cloud over us all.

Obituary—Freddie D. Miller.

Freddie D. Miller was born Nov. 1, 1877, in Buffalo township, Barton county Kansas, about five miles west of Great Bend. He removed to Great Bend about eight years ago, and attended the public school here until the winter of 1894-5, he attended one term at the Central Normal College. In March, 1895, he went to LaCrosse, Wis., to learn the tinner's trade working at the trade in the summer and attending the high school in the winter. While at school he was taken suddenly ill with peritonitis, and died after but a few days' illness.

Freddie was of a pleasing and industrious disposition, earnest in anything he undertook, and devoted to his parents and only sister, Miss Ella. He possessed all the noble traits of character that go to make up useful men, and his departure from earthly usefulness just at the beginning of manhood is deeply regretted by a large circle of friends both in this county and in Wisconsin.

His remains were embalmed and shipped to Great Bend for burial, his uncle, Mr. Fred Nuttleman, and Charles Brandt, a brother of Wm. Brandt of Buffalo township, accompanying them. His classmates in the high school at West Salem showed their recognition of his worth by passing earnest resolutions of sympathy, draping his seat in morning, and contributing elegant floral offerings to accompany the remains to his former home.

Funeral services were held at the Congregational church in this city at 2 p. m. Sunday, the 22d, and was attended by an immense throng, many people being unable to get into the church building. Most elegant and costly floral tributes were presented by the county officers, the city schools, and many friends and neighbors.

The DEMOCRAT voices the sentiments of the entire community when it states that not only the fond parents and sister, but the whole people who admire manliness and integrity feel a heart pang when they realize that Freddie is no more.

The west Salem correspondent to the La Crosse Wisconsin Leader, of March 18th, has the following to say concerning deceased:

"Fred Miller, a pupil of the High School, whose parents reside in Kansas, and who has been living with Fred Hemker during the past few months, died after a very brief illness of four days with inflammation of the bowels. He was in his accustomed place at school last Friday, and he died on Tuesday morning. The remains will be sent to the parents of the deceased tonight. He was an industrious and studious pupil, and will be missed very much by his instructors and classmates. Wednesday morning his desk was appropriately decorated with flowers by the class."

Resolutions of Condolence.

WHEREAS—The Supreme Ruler, the Master of all Workmen, has seen fit to call from earthly strife and turmoil a young and promising life, Freddie D. Miller, only son of Brother F. H. Miller, be it

RESOLVED—By the members of

Great Bend Lodge No. 127, Ancient Order of United Workmen, that we hereby extend to Brother Miller and his estimable wife and daughter our most sincere sympathy.

RESOLVED—That these resolutions be spread upon the minutes of our Lodge, and that a copy thereof be furnished the bereaved family.

Committee—ED. S. MARK,
WILL E. STOKES,
A. E. SPENCER.

Dated: Great Bend, Kas., March 24, 1896.

CARD OF THANKS.

We desire to hereby express our sincere thanks to the many friends and neighbors, to the members of the Great Bend public schools, the West Salem public schools, the members of the Congregational church, and the members of the Woodmen lodge for their kind acts of sympathy in our bereavement.

FRED H. MILLER.
ANNA MILLER.
ELLA MILLER.

A Sad and Sudden Death.

On last Thursday evening, the 19th, about 9 o'clock, Mrs. Mary A. Cossman wife of Nicholas Cossman residing in the northeast part of town, went into the yard for some purpose, and not returning as soon as was expected, Mr. Cossman went out in search of her and found her lying upon the ground in an unconscious condition. She was carried into the house, physicians summoned, and all that mortal could do for her was done; but the mysterious spark of life grew slowly dimmer until at last it went out forever and for aye, about 5:15 Friday morning. Funeral services were conducted at 3 p. m. Sunday, at the M. E. church, and the remains interred in the Great Bend cemetery.

Mary Annie Valerius was born in Wisconsin, January 4, 1852, being in her 45 year at the time of her death. She was married to Nicholas Cossman September 5th, 1876, near Sigourney, Keokuk county, Iowa, and came with her husband to Barton county in 1877, locating on a claim in the north part of the county. For the last six or eight years they have made their residence in Great Bend, where although of a quiet and retiring disposition she made many warm friends who deeply deplore her death.

Her brother, George Valerius, of Hoisington, was the only brother with her. She has four other brothers and three sisters. But one child, a son nearly grown, is left to mourn with the sorrowing husband.

CARD OF THANKS.

We desire to extend our sincere thanks to the many friends, neighbors, Ladies Aid Society and Epworth League for their kind acts and sympathy in our bereavement.

NICK COSSMAN.
JOHN COSSMAN.

An Old Settler Gone.

James B. Wallace, one of the oldest settlers of Barton county, living for many years on his farm west of Great Bend, in Clarence township, died on the evening of the 19th, after an illness of about a week. His trouble was dropsy of the heart. Deceased was well known and respected by a large circle of acquaintances, having located on the farm where he died, in 1878. He was a member of the G. A. R. post at Pawnee Rock, and the post took charge of the funeral exercises, which took place Saturday afternoon, the remains being interred in the Pawnee Rock cemetery. His sudden death was a great shock to the community, and his family have the deepest sympathy of a large host of friends.

In the announcement of the graduating exercises of Barnes Medical College, of St. Louis, we notice that E. E. Morrison, of Galatia, Barton county, received the First Faculty prize, a handsome gold medal, in the Senior class, and headed the roll of honor in the Freshman class. Barton county boys never fail to get to the front when they make the proper effort.

"Silent One" don't need to worry about "Smokem's" gray hairs being brought in sorrow to the grave. "Smokem" was a caller on the DEMOCRAT last week, and he is as chipper as a young lark.

LOCAL NOTES.

City election April 7th.

Democratic committee meeting Saturday.

The Hoisington schools closed last Friday.

W. P. Bruce was planting potatoes Saturday.

Powder and shot at cost.

A. R. Moss.

Jake Teten was down from Albert last Friday, and took in East Lynne at night.

New, bulk garden seeds, at half former prices.

A. R. Moss.

What is nicer than a soft, wet snow about this time of year? Two soft, wet snows—we had them last week.

Editor Hobart says he has leased the Hoisington Dispatch for BUSINESS, and not to boost himself into office.

Sam Shattuck was over from the north side, Friday. He commenced sowing oats the first of the week.

Sim Ewalt left for Pond Creek, Oklahoma, last Wednesday, to work with the Badger Lumber Co. at that place.

Saturday was a good day to commence spring work, hence not many of the industrious farmers were in town.

Barton county's delegates to the Hutchinson populist convention report an enthusiastic and unanimous convention.

Fred Schrepel, of Claffin, who has some of the finest stock horses in the county was in Great Bend Saturday with some of his stock.

Elsewhere notice the announcement of W. F. Coles, the blacksmith. The prices he makes on work will prove a saving to farmers, these times of scarcity of money.

H. Daniels was down from Pawnee Rock, Saturday, on business in the court house. He has bought the Daniels and Benefiel business property in Pawnee Rock.

John J. Schmidt, of Pawnee Rock township, was in the city Tuesday to get some tiling for culverts in his road district. He reports the farmers all hustling with spring work now.

Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Gibson, of Coffeyville, Kansas, parents of Mrs. M. L. Crow, deceased, and Mesdames W. R. Cook and Will Shopper, of Nickerson, Kansas, were up to attend the funeral, Friday.

An alarm of fire Sunday afternoon called the department out to Levi Canmore's house, on South Main street. The fire however, was put out with buckets of water before the hose was strung.

Mrs. E. N. Ford left Saturday morning, for a visit to her daughter, Mrs. J. S. Frederick at Homewood Kans., where she will remain some time with the hope of benefiting her health.

When thinking of laying in your supply of spring seeds remember that the Great Bend Implement Co. will have a complete stock of the FRESHEST seeds, from the best houses, for sale at hard times prices.

L. L. Dudley got the contract for sprinkling the streets, the coming summer, for \$14 per month. Unless the merchants chip up more liberally than they have heretofore the contract will hardly last very long.

Col. W. W. Sowards, Sam Boxwell, Rev. Woodburn, Attorney Prose, M. N. Towers, W. G. Coen and George and Jim McCauley were Hoisington people over to attend probate court as witnesses in the Soderstrom case, Friday.

We want to close out our stock of stoves, and are offering them at actual cost to us. You cannot afford to let this opportunity pass to get a good stove at cost. This is no catch advertisement, but we mean business.

Great Bend Implement Co.

The amenities of fate are sometimes cruel. Bro. Armstrong held off the printing of the Beacon one day to give a report of the Hutchinson convention, and then had to announce that T. H. Butler had been elected a delegate to the St. Louis convention—a position the editor wanted to fill.

J. W. Ramsey, of Hanford, Kings county, California, a brother in law of Willis Howerton, of this county, stopped off a couple of days this week, returning home Monday evening. Mr. Ramsey is an enthusiastic irrigationist, having a large fruit farm under irrigation in California. He thinks this part of Kansas will be a most favored spot when our people get to irrigating. He is also an old-time democrat, but an enthusiastic free silver man; thinks the only hope for the democratic party is the nomination of a known free silver candidate for president, on a square and unequivocal platform. In no other way does he think we can win.

Messrs. Chares Zutavern and Willis Bolinger, of Great Bend, were visiting friends in this city last Sunday. There must be some attraction here for the boys, as we understand they will be up here again next Sunday.—Larned Eagle-Optic.

Sunday, nothing! They could not wait until Sunday, but went up Friday night. The Larned girls are so foxy the boys evidently could not trust them out of sight a whole week.

Habeas corpus proceedings were held in the probate court, last Friday, commenced by J. W. Soderstrom, of Hoisington, to get possession of his young son. He and his wife were divorced at the June term of the district court, last year; and the court allowed him possession of the child. By the proceedings last Friday he got possession.

H. E. Patterson has been in the city a few days, starting a new system of books in the treasurer and clerks offices. It is expected by this system that one office will check up the business of the other, and the board of commissioners will be better able to know just how the finances of the county are running.

It is stated that E. Eyler, the man who pitched base ball for Florence last season, has signed with the Philadelphia ball club for the season of 1896. Jimmie McMullen or Orville Kackley are either of them better pitchers, and better all-around players than Mr. Eyler.

The members of the Woodmen lodge of this city turned out in a body, Sunday afternoon, to Fred Miller's funeral, escorting the remains from the home to the church, and helping to make the ceremonies very impressive.

Hon. P. F. Greene, of New Albany, Ind., who has large landed interest in Barton county, came out this week to view the prospects and arrange for improvements on some of his farms.

Sherman Mossberger, of Pawnee Rock, has returned from a visit to Chariton, Lucas county, Iowa where his sister has been quite sick. He left her improving in health.

Leon Roberts closed his school near Galatia, last Friday, and is now home in Great Bend. He will commence another course at the C. N. C. the first of April.

F. B. Greene, Agt. for American Steam Laundry, of Hutchinson, sends his basket on Tuesday evening and has it back Saturday a. m.

John McGill, west of town about seven miles, was taken suddenly ill Saturday last, and is in a very low condition, with kidney trouble.

Who is it says this March is spring? I'd like to run him through with an icicle. I'd make him sing a new song p. d. q.

How much nicer the home premises look after you have cleaned up the last years accumulation of rubbish.

Elsewhere in this paper notice the announcement of W. D. Gould & Co. jewellers.

We saw a man hunting a proper place in the moon to plant potatoes.

A Mrs. Coleman, northwest of Pawnee Rock, died on Sunday last.

The weather for the past week has been "a little so-so, also."

The street sprinkler commenced his refreshing rounds this week.

A big time was had at the C. N. C., Monday night.

Get your horse bills printed at this office.

Time to plant spring advertisements.

FERVENTLY FISHY.

Dam the River if you Wish, But be Careful How you Dam the Fish.



VER at Salina the other day a good wife said to her husband as he got home from his office:

"George, you must be on your good behavior this evening, for the minister is to take dinner with us."

"What have you for dinner," asked the husband.

"Well, I know he is fond of fish, so I bought quite a string of small river fish, and several large ones from the dam."

"I'm not much at doing the honors when we have a minister at the table," said George, "but I guess we can get through with it all right."

Half an hour later they were seated at the table and a blessing had been asked by the minister. A little nervously, the head of the family began dishing out the vegetables, and turning to the guest, said:

"Will you have some of the little river fish, or some of the dam big fish?"

The warning kick under the table from his wife was unnecessary, for he knew he had blundered, and cold beads of perspiration started out on his forehead.

"I mean," trying to repair the error, "will you have some of the dam river fish or some of the big fish?"

Worse and more of it. His daughter slyly pulled at his coat tail to bring him to his senses.

"That is, would you like some of the river fish, or some of the other dam fish?"

The deep carnation spread over the good lady's face and the exclamation of horror by the daughter did not mend matters a bit, and with a gasp he once more plunged in:

"A-hem! Now which one of the dam fish would you prefer, anyway?"

City School Enrollment.

There were 581 students enrolled in the city schools March 20th, as follows: Prof. Brady's room...high school 67 Miss Chase's room... 38 Mrs. Snyder's room... 28 Blanche Nimock's room... 39 Ella Day's room... 36 Allie Hossack's room... 34 Mae Woodburn's room... 35 Marie Swartz' room... 43 Mrs. Parker's room... 74 Nellie Morgan's room... 37 Katie Vollmer's room... 40 Ida Zimmelt's room... 47 Jessie Clark's room... 63

Total.....581.

Nearly 600 children of our city being trained in that which will help to make them useful citizens. And yet, how many of the parents of this young army have taken sufficient interest in their children to visit the schools and see what manner of training they are getting?

\$2.00 For Lister Shares.

After this date I will put on Lister Shares, as follows: 14 inch for \$2; 16 inch, for \$2.25; 12 inch plow shares, \$2.25; 14 inch, \$2.50; 16 inch \$2.75. All shares guaranteed to be the best grade of steel in the market.

Also, 1 inch axle stubs, \$6.00; 1 1/2 inch \$6.50. All boxes set by a wagon maker.

W. P. COLES.

South Heizer Feed Mill.

We have opened a feed mill in South Heizer, and are now ready to do all kinds of grinding, for the farmers of this locality. Make corn meal and chop feed.

WILL AND FRED WHITE.

The Juno Barrett Co. closed a very successful week's engagement at the Grand Saturday evening last. It gives us pleasure to testify to the merit of this wonderful combination of more than average talent in the play giving line. Their prices were low, but the class of their performances was equal, if not superior, to many high priced companies that have visited Great Bend.

The American Steam Laundry, of Hutchinson, does repair work free—and guarantees satisfaction. Give them a trial. F. B. GREENE, Agt.